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## MYSTERY OF THE "FLYING SAUCERS" DEEPENS

### Reports Of Strange Aerial Objects Seen All Over The United States

#### H.K. CURRENCY PETITION

A petition has been submitted to Government by the Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Kowloon to withdraw the present ten-cent and five-cent notes from circulation and to replace them with either new notes or coins.

The reasons given for the petition is that some of these notes are so dilapidated that people (especially hand sellers) will not accept them, thus giving rise to arguments. It is further argued that they are disease carriers.

## Blackmail Letters Received

Several shopkeepers, boarding houses and teahouses in Kowloon have received threatening letters from a new blackmailing gang styling itself the "Hong Kong Ex-Military Officers Association," the "China Mail" learned from usually reliable sources yesterday.

In all these letters, the recipients are asked to "subscribe" to the funds of the Association. Failure to do so, or reporting the receipt of a letter to the Police, would result in "cruel measure" being meted out, they are warned.

The following is a translation of one of these letters received by one company which was asked to pay \$5,000:

"The Manager, We beg to request your firm to subscribe the sum of \$5,000 for our Association's expenses. We have decided that at 11 p.m. on June 30 or July 1, 1947, you should send a man with the amount of money to... The money should be handed over to a military officer in full uniform. (If this man is not there the money should be placed amongst a heap of stones on the left side.)

"The man with money must be dressed in a white jacket and wear a white hat. Hoping you will comply with this, we assure you that we will not ask you to subscribe again.

"If you do not pay the money in due time or if you make a report to the Police, our Association will adopt a cruel measure against you.

"Signed: Special Movement Troop, Hong Kong Ex-Military Officers Association.—Lee."

The Police refused last night either to deny or confirm that reports of such letters have been received.

## July 4th Death Toll

Chicago, July 6.  
Holiday deaths over the American celebration of the "Fourth of July" today stood at 440 as millions jammed the nation's highways and resorts.

Auto accidents have taken 181 since Thursday; 187 have drowned and 105 have died from miscellaneous accidents.

In contrast to the traditional cause of deaths (until city and state laws interfered) only seven died in fireworks accidents.—United Press.

## Jet-Planes Ready To Go In Pursuit

Portland, Oregon, July 6.  
The nation's perplexity over discs reported spinning through the skies deepened in the wake of July 4 reports from virtually all parts of the country.

There was no scientific explanation offered to fit the observations, which spanned the nation from the Pacific to the Gulf of Mexico and the Atlantic.

A mass of evidence piled up swiftly as the holiday throngs and, in one case crewmen of a commercial airline plane, joined in reporting they had seen bright pancake-like objects skimming through the air at varying estimates and speeds.

The first published reports of seeing the "flying saucers" came from a private plane pilot on June 25 who said he had seen nine over Washington State's Cascade Mountains.

In Washington D.C., Government scientists and military officials took a "bring one in and let's see it" view concerning the reports.

Statements there ranged all the way from "we are mystified"

## Nanking Worried Over Soviet Warships

Nanking, July 6.  
The Chinese Naval authorities are reportedly voicing grave concern over the movements of Soviet ships along the Shantung coast, especially around Chefoo, a Communist-held port.

According to reports reaching Nanking, the Nationalist magistrate of the city of Penlai in northern Shantung said several Soviet ships carried landing parties surveying a group of islands in the Gulf of Chihli.

Later, the ships steamed into Chefoo.

It was feared that the Soviet might include these islands under Soviet-held Dairen jurisdiction.

Chinese circles believed that Russia's reply to the Chinese note protesting against "deliberate blocking" of taking over Dairen and Port Arthur can be expected presently with Russian Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov's return to Moscow.—United Press.

## Japanese Warships Still Here

The eight Japanese warships which arrived here over the week-end for refueling purposes will be leaving for Singapore tomorrow.

These ships, which comprise the first allotment drawn by the United Kingdom representative at Tokyo, attracted considerable attention throughout yesterday as they lay at anchor off North Point.

**China's Share**

Shanghai, July 6.  
Eight Japanese "reparations" warships, which arrived here from Saibei on Thursday were formally taken over by the Chinese naval authorities today.—Associated Press.

#### FORGIVE AND —FORGET?

London, July 6.  
The life sentences passed on Field Marshal Albert Kesselring and two German generals, in some respects, "equally as terrible" as the original death sentences, the Right Reverend C. H. Golding, assistant Anglican Bishop of Guildford, said today.

"I stand by what I have said previously, that now is not the time for imposing the extreme penalty on those whose crimes are long past," he told the British Press Association commenting on the commutation of the death sentences announced from Rome.

The bishop served as a chaplain in both the Boer War and the First World War.—Associated Press.

#### Saucer Hysteria

Chicago, July 6.  
Hundreds of persons shared in the sky hoping to sight one of the "flying saucers" which have been reported shooting through the air at rocket speed over nearly every section of the country.

As reports of the saucer flights poured in, debate was rife over whether the discs were careening through people's minds or really were spinning objects in the sky. Dr. John G. Lynn, of Vahalla, N.Y., an expert on human behaviour, said it was "just a wave of saucer hysteria."

He blamed it on recent predictions that atomic warfare would break out, laying waste the United States.

An astronomer said he believed "some persons were seeing spots before their eyes."

In San Diego, the editor of Occult Magazine said the objects were "space ships from Mars."

**Circled And Dived**

But individuals from coast to coast insisted they had seen the saucers. The discs ranged in colour from gold to silver, according to "eyewitness" descriptions, and their speed was estimated at 1,000 miles an hour.

The latest saucer reports came from two widely separated localities. Sixty picknickers at Twin Falls, Id., said they saw three groups of discs flying over the park. Some saucers were described as flying in V-formation while others circled and dived in loose formation.

At Somerside, Calif., two farmers claimed they saw a flying saucer last night travelling southward and leaving a trail of vapour. Amateur weather students at Somerside suggested that under certain conditions swift flying birds could create an optical illusion.—United Press.

**Planes Readied**

Portland, July 6.  
Equipped military planes in at least two sections of the United States were held in readiness to chase mysterious spinning discs in an attempt to end the nation-wide puzzle over the speeding objects, which had been reported in the sky over 33 states.

A P-80 was awaiting at the MFOC Army Air Field in California to pursue any discs reported in that area. Six P-51s were in readiness here, where scores of the mysterious discs have been reported in the past two weeks.

This development followed a day in which new reports of the discs came in from coast to coast and scientists and military men said they were baffled by the phenomenon. The Army and Navy said the discs were not any of their experimental planes.

**"Man-Made"**

David Lilienthal, Chairman of the US Atomic Energy Commission, and atomic energy scientists asserted that their experiments had no connection with the discs.

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#### Gen. Wei In Berlin



General Wei Li-huang, former Commander-in-Chief of the Chinese Expeditionary Corps on Burma front, leaves with his escort after laying a wreath at the Russian monument for their war-dead in the Charlottenburg-Chaussee, Berlin, on June 13. Left to right: Capt. Han of the General's staff; the General; and Colonel Tsai of the Chinese Military Mission in Berlin.—Associated Press Photo.

## THE UNO IS STILL A GREAT ASSET

New York, July 6.  
Should the western world, unable to find any common ground with the Soviet Union, tear up the United Nations charter, write off the hope of cooperation and settle down to an unqualified campaign of power politics? Britain's Sir Alexander Cadogan has told UNO that they might as well pack up if they cannot act to stop aggression along Greece's Communist-girt borders.

An American congressional sub-committee asks: "Do we write off Russian co-operation—as every previous Russian action has indicated that we must and proceed with building up western Europe and the rehabilitation of the Far East?" As for the UNO it has many agencies besides the Security Council which perform valuable functions. As for the Council itself it was able to halt the more overt manifestations of Russian aggression in Iran without actually taking a stand. The Greek case could work the same way. If it aids peace the Council does the job even though it cannot always move directly.

**Waiting For A Knock**

Continued Russian intransigence in the UNO does not tie up all of its machinery for closer co-operation.

As a matter of fact the time for individual or collective opposition as envisioned in the charter may be approaching.

The UNO originally was formed to fight the war although it also had an eye on the coming peace. Nothing in the charter or veto power prevents a majority of members

from joining together again for any necessary purpose.

The UNO, even should Russia withdraw, which is not likely, or if a majority finally has to ignore her, still has many valuable uses. As for writing off Russian co-operation the answer probably is yes, although we should always be standing eagerly by the door ready to open it if by any chance Russia knocks again.

**Depends On Russia**

For practical purposes, in the minds of men who make American policies, this already has been done. The United States is proceeding to do what it can for other nations, to organize them against totalitarian expansion and to provide for economic stability which leads to peace. America will not arouse Russia unnecessarily. But if Russia moves America will counter-move.

Does this acceptance of inability of east and west to be friends mean eventual war? The answer depends on the Soviet Union.

**Too Risky?**

As the world organizes against Communist expansion Russia might decide that it is more profitable to try to keep and develop what she has than to risk additional grabs.

Barring explosions among her captives, which would bring outside intervention, that might considerably postpone any open conflict.

Even further Russian expansion in Mongolia, Manchuria, Finland and Czechoslovakia might not produce immediate war.

But in general America might as well recognize that if Russia insists on forever pressing outward, we are in for real trouble.—Associated Press.

#### INDIAN ARMY TRANSFERS

New Delhi, July 6.  
The transfer of regular British officers in the Indian army to the British army is proceeding according to plan, it was announced officially today.

Up to July 1, 249 officers had accepted transfer to the British army and 16 had already left India for the United Kingdom, the announcement said.—United Press.

## 30,000 Killed In One Week

Hamburg, July 5.  
The remains of 30,000 Hamburg people killed during the "catastrophe week" in June, 1943—a week of day and night air raids—are still buried under the mass of rubble in the city, according to statistics produced at the inter-zonal exhibition of new methods of rubble clearing and utilisation in Hamburg today.

More than 10 per cent of all bomb rubble in Germany is concentrated in Hamburg, and at the present rate of progress, it will be 10 years before it is cleared from the streets. In the opinion of a state architect, Herr Grundt, who is President of the Association for Scientific Utilisation of Rubble.

The Association urged the employment of specially designed rubble clearing machines as well as machines for scientific conversion of rubble into bricks for building purposes.

Under the present manual clearance, about 32,000,000 bricks had been obtained from rubble in Hamburg, but any serious rebuilding would require at least ten times that amount, the Association said.

Clearance work in Hamburg has uncovered 1,690 unexploded bombs, more than 14,000 shells and more than 63,000 assorted explosives.—Reuter.

#### THE WEATHER

Pressure remains high in a ridge running E from the Looshean, and low over China generally, with a depression centred to the SW of Hongkong. Pressure is also low to the E of the Philippines. Today's Forecast: Light southerly wind, fair and hot.

## JAPS TOLD PAST CAN'T BE FORGOTTEN

Shimoda, July 6.  
With a warning that the past cannot be forgotten, Ambassador George Acheson Jr., in a message to the people of Shimoda, said, "It is the future which now virtually concerns Allied powers having homelands or other interests in the area of the Far East. It is the fateful future more than the past which concerns all the world."

Acheson's message was read by Glen Bruner, second secretary of the Embassy, on the occasion of the revival of the Black Ship festival which commemorates the landing of Commodore Perry at Shimoda 94 years ago and the arrival of Townsend Harris, first American Consul in Japan, a year later.

The message said in part: "Perry and Harris came to urge Japan to enter into commerce with foreign nations. Today there are new steps to reopen Japan, taken with the primary purpose of assisting the Japanese people to rehabilitate their economy to peacetime needs."

#### No Phenomenon

Within two generations after the coming of Perry and Harris, isolationist and pacific Japan adopted western industry and the tools of modern war. It will be a no more amazing phenomenon for the Japanese, in the bitter knowledge of their betrayal by militarism, to fashion a democracy suited to their needs at home and to their obligation to the family of nations.

"I may safely say the United States will proceed in connection with plans for the future along lines which will sustain the fundamental principles of American policy. We support the principles of the United Nations. It is our purpose to implement these principles in our future relationship with the Japanese. I have no doubt that the American people will wish to continue to assist in the rehabilitation of Japan's peaceful economy and the development of mutually beneficial trade between Japan and other nations."

"We shall expect the Japanese for their part to further to the fullest the principles enunciated in their new constitution. We shall expect them to insure that the fires of freedom, which now burn in the humblest Japanese home, are never

extinguished and that the darkness of totalitarianism either of right or left shall never again fall upon the land."—United Press.

## Shanghai As Hot As You Know Where

Shanghai, July 6.  
Sweltering Shanghai, warned by the weatherman that the present summer is to be a record one, is apprehensively awaiting the arrival of "small heat" which begins on July 8.

To the newcomer here it seems hardly possible for the weather to get hotter but the Chinese calendar foretells worse things. It records that the season of "big heat" will start on July 24.

As if that is not enough a date known as "Chu Lao Hu" which can best be described as "tiger heat" will release its terrors on August 24.

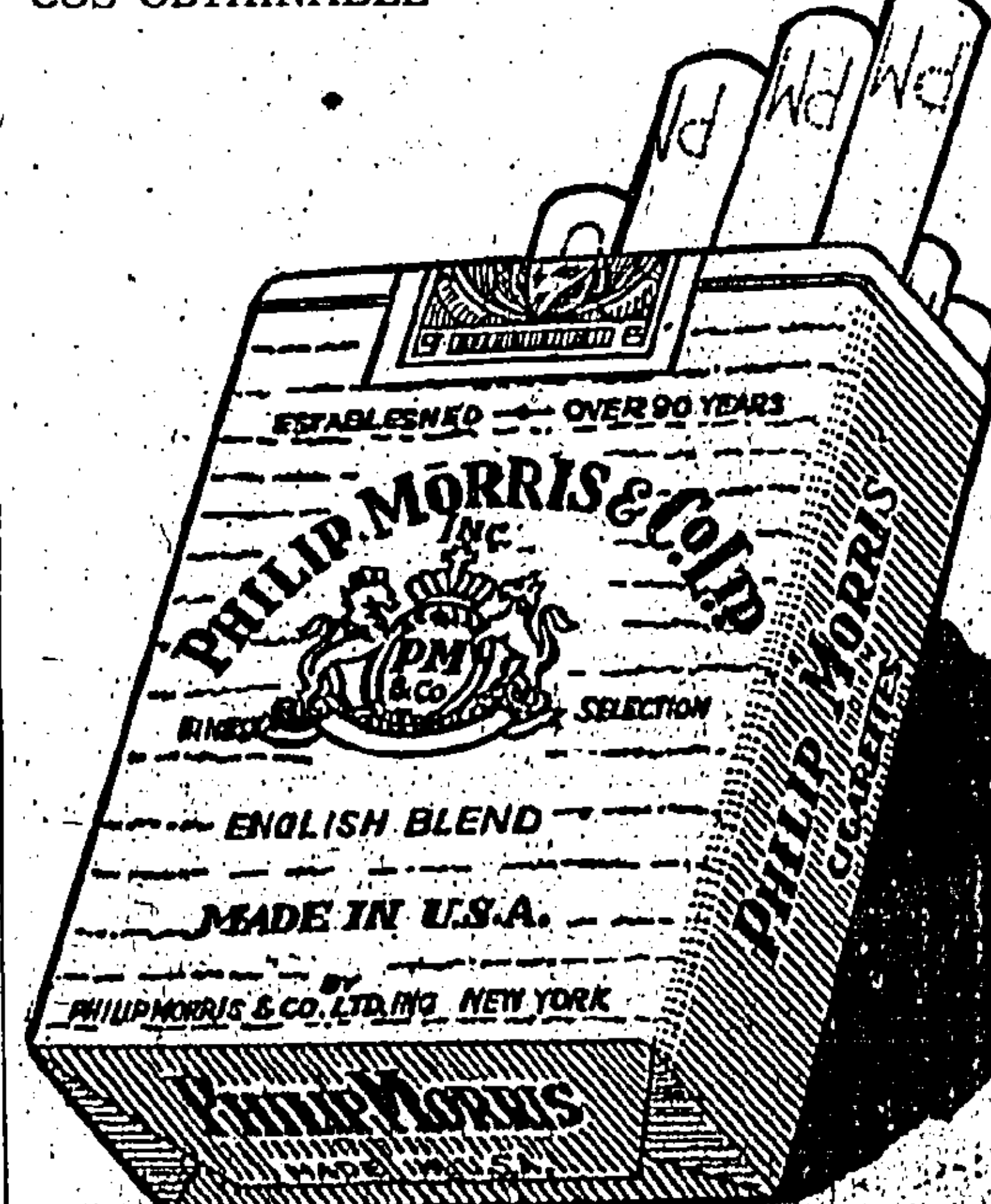
The temperature today hovers around 100 degrees in the shade even though "small heat" hasn't started.

Shirts get soaked with sweat within five minutes.

The city at present is undergoing a phase known to the Chinese as "yellow mould" which at least has one benefit—it keeps the price of cigarettes down.

Holders of cigarette stocks are unloading them as fast as they can because the heat and humidity would make them mouldy before the cooler weather sets in.—Associated Press.

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# A DEATH BED MARRIAGE "King Carol" And Magda Lupescu Wed Ceremony In Rio Hotel

Rio De Janeiro, July 5.  
Former King Carol of Rumania, a royal master but a faithful lover, formally married on Thursday red-haired Magda Lupescu, his devoted mistress for 23 years, on what may be her deathbed.

The playboy king went one step further in legitimizing his relations with the once beautiful daughter of a junk dealer. He proclaimed her a royal princess and gave her the name of Helen, which is the name of his second wife Princess Helen of Greece and mother of his son Michael, the present King of Rumania.

Magda Lupescu, who is 50, lay semi-conscious on the bed. Her skin was deathly white and she wheezed from the pernicious anemia that is killing her.

Carol, 54, shook with sobs and was reported to have collapsed before the ceremony was over. Considering Magda's condition, it was doubtful she realized she had at last become the wife of the man who has been her unswerving lover since 1924.

Dr. Gabriel Ferreira de Carvalho, a lawyer friend of Carol's who attended the wedding, said it took place Thursday at 7.30 p.m. He said both Carol and Magda were divorced from previous marriages but he did not know whether the divorces would be recognized by the Brazilian Federal Supreme Court. If they are not recognized it will be necessary to obtain recognition before the marriage becomes legal.

**King Carol**  
De Carvalho said "Carol was married with the name of His Majesty King Carol and Magda with Helen Lupescu, both declaring that they were divorced and desired to be united in matrimony." Carol had tried previously to marry Magda here but was unable to do so because the judge of the Seventh District Court demanded guarantees of age, divorce and other documents to prove the civil status of both.

On July 3 the King's lawyer, Dr. Baudouin de Melo, invited five colleagues to serve as witnesses of the marriage. The ceremony was carried out in accordance with article 199 of the Brazilian Civil Code permitting marriages "in extremis." The witnesses had a limit of five days to present the act to the judge requesting validation. The request was made today.

**Blood Transfusions**  
Magda has been suffering from anemia and suffering hemorrhages which at times occurred daily. Before the marriage she underwent three blood transfusions.

The problem of whether Carol and Magda are still married to their former spouses will come up next week when the Seventh District Court, where the papers are filed, will rule on their marriage to one another. Brazil does not recognize divorce among its own citizens but will accept the divorce of a foreigner if it is recognized in his home country.—United Press.

**On Death Bed**  
Rio de Janeiro, July 5.  
Ex-King Carol of Rumania married Madame Magda Lupescu, his titian haired woman friend for many years, in a ceremony last night at the Copacabana Palace Hotel, it was announced here today.

Madame Lupescu was seriously ill and physicians said that she might die within 24 hours. The ex-King's secretary said that Madame Lupescu was on her death bed.

Madame Lupescu accompanied by exiled King Carol arrived in Brazil from Mexico where he had lived for three years in November 1944.

Madame Lupescu first met Carol at Sinaia, a mountain resort in the Carpathians, where the Royal Family had its summer palace.

## HIS PANTS BLEW UP

Amsterdam, July 6.  
J. Borg, 23-year-old Vlaardingen labourer, wearing a new pair of trousers made from filtering cloth taken from the chemical plant where he worked, stopped on his way home last night to light a cigar.

A spark from the match touched off an explosion which seriously injured him and blew out several doors and windows in the neighbourhood. The cloth, it was explained, was impregnated with strong explosive chemicals making it as dangerous as gun cotton.—Associated Press.

## Husbands Ask For Russian Visas

London, July 6.  
British husbands of four of the 15 Russian women who cannot get Soviet permission to England have applied for visas to visit their wives in Russia.

The British men seeking to make the trip had asked the Soviet Embassy here to support their applications for visas. "We want to spend a holiday with our wives," said Arthur Hall of Clapham, London. Others seeking to make the journey are John Bolton of Hornsey, T. J. Burke of Farningham, London, and P. Squire of Cambridge.

The 15 Englishmen trying to bring their wives to Britain were married while in wartime military and diplomatic service in Russia. On being recalled, they could not bring their wives with them and appeals to the highest Soviet authorities have so far been unavailing.—Associated Press.

## Scots Boy Scouts For Holland

Edinburgh, July 6.  
A party of 32 killed Boy Scouts of the 48th Edinburgh Company has left Edinburgh for Holland, complete with equipment for pipe band performances, which they will give among their hosts.

The boys, with Edward Cunningham, their Scoutmaster, travelled by bus to London and are crossing from Harwich to the Hook of Holland where they are to be met by a Dutch Scout.

They expect to spend two days in Amsterdam, The Hague and Rotterdam respectively and then go by canal to Arnhem where they will be guests of Scout families. They will spend part of their 14 days' holiday at a Scout camp site at Ommen and will give displays of Highland dancing.—Associated Press.

## Slavery To Escort Film Stars

Paris, July 5.  
There is one man in the world who flatly refuses to escort Ingrid Bergman, Maria Montez or any other Hollywood lovely to a night club free of charge.

He is Yves Montand, gangling French singer who on re-reading his Warner Brothers' contract was horrified to find that this was a part of his life to be.

"To escort stars to night clubs, that's not an artist's life, that's slavery," Montand said. He is trying to break the contract.—United Press.

## Communists Put On The Screws

London, July 5.  
Reliable reports indicated today that Communist pressure on other parties has increased in Poland and Bulgaria with signs that an attempt would be made to force the Polish Socialists to merge with Communists in the "Socialist Unity" Party.

Private reports from Warsaw said that pressure from the Communists caused the resignation of both Edward Osobka Morawski as chairman of the Socialist Party Executive and of Julian Hochfeld as chairman of the Socialist Parliamentary Group.

Osobka Morawski remained in his place as Minister of Public Administration. However, his resignation from the party post followed a second expression by Socialists opposing a merger with the Communists proposed on May 1 by the Communist Vice-Premier, Wladyslaw Gomulka.

Reports from Sofia said the

## Czechs And Poles Get Together

Prague, July 5.  
A communique, summing up the results of the visit to Prague of the Polish delegation whose efforts were to "begin a new era between the two countries," was issued today simultaneously in Prague and Warsaw.

The delegation, which arrived in Prague on Wednesday, was led by the Polish Prime Minister, Dr. Josef Cyrankiewicz.

After reporting the signing of cultural and economic agreements, the communique stated that "both sides expressed a conviction that it was necessary to put the agreements into effect as speedily as possible."

"At the same time, a series of details concerning practical application, were negotiated. Representatives of both countries gained the same conviction—that it is necessary to realize within the shortest time and as completely as possible the terms of the protocol attached to the treaty of alliance, (signed in Warsaw on March 10), which guarantees to Czechs and Slovaks in Poland and to Poles in Czechoslovakia the right of full national, political, cultural and economic development," the communique added.

It announced that the Polish Consulate in Ostrava and the Czechoslovak Consulate in Katowice would be opened in the near future.

Both nations' delegations exchanged views on a series of questions concerning the international situation, especially with regard to the German problem. Complete identity of views of the two Governments has been ascertained, the communique concluded.

The Polish visitors left Prague yesterday.—Reuter.

## U.S. To Support The Veto!

Washington, July 5.  
United States sources indicated today that America would oppose abandonment of the veto in the forthcoming Japanese peace conference despite American's deploring of Russia's veto actions in the United Nations.

United States officials argue for retention of veto rights in the Japanese talks in the fear that the British Commonwealth will have a disguised if not a real veto. Differences over the use of the veto indicated a split between the United States and Britain.

The peace conference has not been set but best indications point to next winter or early spring. The State Department contemplates an 11-nation conference in which the decisions will be by two-thirds vote. This would mean any issue would require eight affirmative votes to be carried, or four votes could block a decision.

The United States figures that the presence of the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia and New Zealand would provide the necessary four negative votes if such a case arose.—United Press.

## LATEST TORY FANTASY

Southport, July 5.  
Government's decision to cut newspaper, reducing the size of daily papers, was denounced at a political meeting here today by Mr. R. S. Hudson, Conservative M.P., as a deliberate plan to indirectly curtail the freedom of the press.

"The Government intends that newspapers will be so short of newsprint that criticism of its ineptitude will be stifled when, as is practically certain, we have another great fuel and industrial crisis next winter," he said.

He added that it was clear from the Government's economic policy that it was gambling on another loan from the United States.—Reuter.

## Socialist Split In France

Paris, July 5.  
The Left Wing of the French Socialist Party today laid down conditions under which it would give its support to the Government of Premier Paul Ramadier in the crucial confidence vote which he will seek from his own party tomorrow.

The powerful Paris delegation, rallying most of the Left Wing dissidents, placed the resolution before the Socialist National Council meeting here, in which it outlined a six-point governmental programme. Unless Ramadier accepts it, the federation said, it would withhold its support.

Sensitive to Communist charges that in committing France to the "western bloc" internationally, Ramadier has led the Socialist Party sharply to the right, the Left Wing sought to force France to resume its former position as a bridge between Russia and the West.

One of the six planks in their platform called upon the government to "orient French diplomacy toward a European policy independent of the two blocs."

## Gasparov Won't Play

Athens, July 5.  
M. Gasparov, Soviet representative on the United Nations team examining border incidents from Salonika, has refused to take part in investigations in the Greek charges against Yugoslavia of alleged frontier incidents in the Mount Belas area near the Yugoslav border.

After an all-night secret session, the United Nations border team decided today to refer his refusal to the main body of the commission investigating frontier incidents, and to the Security Council.

The team is going to visit the place of the alleged incidents tomorrow. M. Gasparov will not accompany them.—Reuter.

## Elections In Hungary

Budapest, July 5.  
A general election in Hungary is expected in September.

A new election law will come before Parliament later this month. It is expected that will halve the number of deputies, increasing the number of voters per seat from 12,000 to 24,000.

M. Ernoe Mihalyi, Hungarian Minister of Information, asked whether it was true that Russia has reduced her claims to German assets in Hungary from \$250,000,000 to \$30,000,000, said today that he was not completely informed of the course of negotiations in Moscow.—Reuter.

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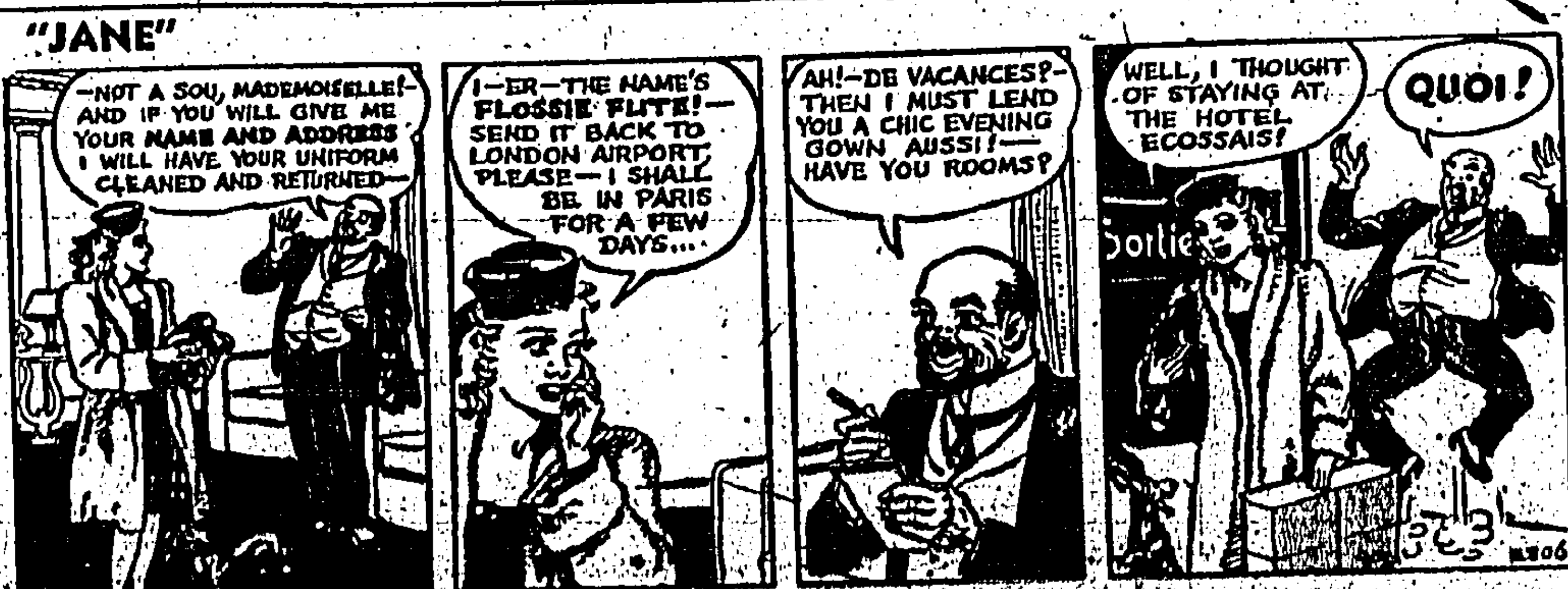
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# REDS UNLEASH BARRAGE

## Propaganda On Marshall Plan

### Paris Attack On Mr. Bevin

Paris, July 5. The French Communist Party today unleashed a heavy barrage against the Marshall plan for European economic recovery as sponsored by Premier Paul Ramadier's Government.

The Party's leader, Maurice Thorez, led the attack by pledging the Party's 1,000,000 members to fight what he called an attempt to isolate Russia from the world. He condemned the Western European bloc being formed by France and Britain as a "force to aid international trusts."

Raymond Guyot, secretary of the Seine Communist Federation, was another speaker at the rally which was attended by 20,000. He called the Marshall plan a "device of capitalistic America to try and save it from its greatest depression, expected next year."

Thorez told the rally "The Communist Party will do everything in its power to prevent the dangerous trend to the Right in French politics and allow a return to democratic principles which conform to the wishes of the people."

Meanwhile, Premier Paul Ramadier, who yesterday won a vote of confidence from the National Assembly, is faced with a difficult political hurdle within his own Party. The Socialist National Committee today met for a two-day session to debate governmental economic policy. The Left Wing group within the Party had been sniping at Ramadier's programme.—United Press.

### Reaction To Bevin

Paris, July 6. Prospects of a big line-up behind the two Western Powers in their drive for economic recovery were believed here to have been given a major boost by British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin's July 4 speech in London, warning Russia against new provocations and urging a big helping hand for France.

The speech was prominently played in today's Paris morning papers and was blown up as a major sensation under huge headlines in all afternoon papers, except the Communist paper Ce Soir. Bevin's references to France were particularly welcomed here as the French, ever since 1944, have felt that both Great Britain and the United States were inclined to treat them as a second class nation and admitted only on sufferance to voice in world affairs.

Bevin's tribute, coming immediately on top of the break with Russia on economic recovery, was hailed here as the best sign yet that Britain and France henceforth would move together on the basis of equality in leading Western Europe. Ce Soir, in its final edition, vigorously attacked Bevin's speech.

### "Mask Off"

"Bevin's speech is noteworthy in that for the first time the Anglo-Saxons cast away their mask. Bevin's harangue is entirely directed against collaboration with the Soviet Union which shows that by dividing the Allies he wants to regroup some of them into a western bloc."

"He attacks our principal ally, divides the people and seeks to include us in the western group doubtless advantageous to Britain and the United States but in which France risks becoming more or less a satellite."

Despite their verbal lashing of the new alignment of the French policy with the Western Powers, the French Communists so far had not shown any signs

## Gandhi On India Bill

New Delhi, July 5. Mohandas K. Gandhi, spiritual leader of millions of Hindus, said after his evening prayer tonight that British, Hindus and Moslems alike had subjected themselves to public judgment under the terms of the Indian Independence Bill announced this week in the House of Commons.

By being a party to the division of India, Britain will be judged by actions which follow implementation of the Independence Bill "rather than its language, however generous, and just it might read," Gandhi asserted.

Gandhi unhesitatingly condemned the British for lack of courage "to do the right thing no matter what the cost" for India since the report of the Cabinet Mission.

"The British would certainly be blamed if any mishap occurred," he said. "The dangerous situation has not been cleared by the bill."—United Press.

### REFRIGERATORS FOR ESKIMOS

Montreal, July 5. The Hudson Bay Co. ship Nascope sailed from here today with a cargo including refrigerators for Eskimo settlements fringing the Arctic and sub Arctic coasts of Hudson Bay and the Northwest Territories.

An official said "These people want everything that city dwellers have. They learned about them over the radio."—United Press.

## Freedom Of Windsor For Princess

Windsor, July 5. Princess Elizabeth today received the freedom of the ancient borough of Windsor, from which her grandfather, King George V, took his name in 1917.

Thousands of people watched the ceremony held in the shadows of historic Windsor Castle, one of the residences of the Royal Family.

The Princess said that she regarded Windsor as a "home in a way no other place can be," and it was natural that she would respond to the friendship of people who had watched her grow up by accepting their highest honour.—Reuter.

## Final Tally In Pacific

Washington, July 6. The final tally of the sea war waged against Japan, issued by a joint Army-Navy assessment committee, showed that the United States forces accounted for 9,736,068 of the 10,583,755 tons of naval and merchant shipping sent down by attacks of the Allies.

## Quads Born In Egypt

Cairo, July 5. The newspaper Akbar today reported the birth of quadruplets — three boys and a girl — to a peasant woman in the south Egyptian province of Assuit.

The paper said the mother — 35-year-old wife of Abd el Zahr Ahmed, a farmer — was up and about her household tasks the day after the children were born.

The report said the first of the quads was born while the mother was alone in the hut after Ahmed had gone in search of a midwife. Unable to locate the midwife, Ahmed returned with his wife's sister in time to assist at the second birth. The midwife finally arrived in time for the third and fourth.

The quads have been placed in the Government's care.—United Press.

### GESTURE BY NORWAY

New York, July 5. Paul Comly French, director of the CARE relief organization, said no more packages are being sent to Norway at the request of the Norwegian Government since Norway has built up her food and textile reserve to a level requiring little outside help.

He said the Norwegians requested that the "generosity of Americans" be diverted to other European countries where the need is more acute.—United Press.

### DAKOTA CRASH IN SAIGON

Saigon, July 5. A French military Dakota plane, leaving Saigon for Paris this morning, crashed a few minutes after taking off. The passengers were badly bruised but otherwise unharmed, as the plane did not catch fire.—Reuter.

Napoleon, July 5. H. A. Naido, Indian Communist party member of the South Africa Executive, was arrested here and charged with sedition in inducing 50,000 native mine workers to strike illegally.—United Press.

## Russian Interest In India

London, July 5. Mr. Ivan Maisky, Soviet envoy in London for many years, will be the first Soviet Ambassador to India, writes the diplomatic correspondent of "The People."

This choice shows how important Russia regards this diplomatic post, the correspondent adds.

"And while Moscow asks the Indian Government to approve the appointment, the Congress Party is making overtures to Russia. Pandit Nehru himself is going to Moscow soon and there he will try to spike the guns of Jinnah's Pakistan, which is seeking closer relations with Afghanistan," the paper says.

"Mr. Nehru's object is to prevent the Afghans and Pakistan coming together and, in turn, prevent their line-up with the Middle East Arab countries."

"For, behind the approach to Afghanistan is the plan to create a vast Moslem bloc from the Atlantic to the Indus," The People adds.—Reuter.

## S.W. Africa Mandate Proposals

Windhoek, July 5. Cancellation of the South West Africa mandate as soon as practicable and establishment of the sovereignty of the Union of South Africa over the territory are among constitutional proposals which the United South West Africa Party issued today to be submitted to the Union Premier, Field-Marshal Smuts, when he visits the territory next Tuesday.

The Party calls for representation of the territory in the Union Parliament with eight representatives in the House of Assembly and four in the Senate.

The United Nations passed a resolution on Dec. 9, 1946, recommending that the territory be placed under an international trusteeship, but a plebiscite in the territory last November went in favour of incorporation in the Union.—Reuter.

Athens, July 5. The military and naval members of the Griswold mission arrived from the United States by air today. These 26 members will be followed by Mr. Griswold and 30 members of the Economic Staff who are expected on July 15.—Reuter.

The UN Committee, in recess because of the Jewish Sabbath, has before it an official Zionist demand for a Jewish state in the Holy Land. The Committee spokesman, Emil Touma, told a news conference that his organization, the National Liberation League — was "against American penetration and against the plan for world domination advanced by atomaniacs and monopolists in America and Britain."—Associated Press.

## £70,000 Cheque For Britain

Wellington, July 6. A cheque for £77,000, representing profits from British wartime contracts of an Auckland firm, New Zealand Cheese Limited, was given to Britain today.

Walter Nash, New Zealand Minister of Finance, handed the cheque to the acting High Commissioner for the United Kingdom, N. E. Costar, in the presence of J. R. Butland, managing director of the cheese company.

Nash said Butland had asked him to make the presentation as an expression of the Company's gratitude for being privileged to help the people of Britain through the hardships of war. Butland said at the ceremony that his Company decided in 1940 that if its efforts to produce and pack a special cheese without the need for refrigeration were successful, all its production facilities would be made available to the War Office to the absolute limit without profit.—Associated Press.

## ANNULMENTS BY VATICAN

Vatican City, July 5. The Holy Congregation of Sacred Rites announced tonight that 34 marriages had been annulled out of 62 petitions presented to the Congregation during the past 12 months.

The request for annulments of marriages were presented from all parts of the world, the announcements said.

It said most of the annulled marriages were considered void principally because they were not consummated or because of technical errors of a religious nature.—United Press.

## Arabs Reject Partition

Jerusalem, July 6. A spokesman for the Arab Committee declared that his group rejected proposals for partitioning the Holy Land and supported the action of the Arab Higher Executive in boycotting the United Nations Special Committee investigating Palestine problems.

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# "One-Man Rule" In Japan

## Australia's Dr. Evatt Expected To Make Vigorous Protest In Tokyo

### General MacArthur's Policy Criticised

Sydney, July 5. Australia's Minister for External Affairs, Dr. H. V. Evatt, is expected to protest vigorously against alleged "dictatorial" and "one man rule" in Japan's occupation when he meets General Douglas MacArthur in Tokyo next week.

The Australian Government, press and people appear united in disputing the official American belief that Japanese occupation policies are adequate. Rumbling Australian dissatisfaction has been sharply reflected in two recent, angry protests.

These were against plans for a second Japanese Antarctic whaling expedition, which the Far Eastern Commission in Washington announced would be reviewed; and resumption of Japanese phosphate mining in the Palau Islands, 300 miles north of Australian New Guinea.

Leading Australian newspapers denounced the whaling expedition and the "re-colonization" project in the strongest language used against the United States in many years. The discontent stems largely from alleged failure of the United States, and of MacArthur, to consult Australia and other nations allied in the Pacific war about occupation policy.

"Ear Bashing" The meeting between MacArthur and the well-known spokesman for smaller United Nations members is expected by Australian observers, however, to improve deteriorating U.S. Australian relations through cross-the-table consultations.

Although the conferences will be on a "personal" rather than "political" basis, the forceful Evatt is expected to give MacArthur for the first time a friendly but nevertheless pointed "ear bashing". Australian observers attach importance to the Tokyo talks because they will be followed in late August by a conference in Australia to shape the British Empire attitude toward a Japanese peace treaty. This Empire conference was initiated by Australia in under Evatt's vigorous prodding despite an initial lukewarm attitude by the British Foreign Office.

Following the Empire pre-treaty discussions, in which Evatt can be expected to play a leading role, he will return to United Nations meetings in New York in September, where again his influential voice can be counted on to reflect the tenor of his talks with MacArthur.

**Lack Of Liaison** Part of Australia's deep-seated distrust of Japanese occupation policy is attributed by Canberra observers to peace-time lack of well-established, top-level liaison between MacArthur and Australia where his lustre as a military hero is undimmed. In friendly, instructive discussions, Evatt is expected to restore the link disrupted by the death of Prime Minister John Curtin in 1945. Curtin and MacArthur enjoyed warm personal relations. Curtin, it was explained, gave MacArthur a "blank cheque" in

directing Australia's military campaign in the Pacific. In the war years, neither Evatt nor Curtin's successor, Prime Minister Joseph B. Chifley, then Commonwealth Treasurer, were close to the general.

**"Harpoon In Diplomacy"**

Discussing the whaling and mining protests, the Sydney Morning Herald said, "In the broader sense, American persistence in unilateral action in the Pacific must gravely weaken her moral case against similar Soviet behaviour in the Balkans and elsewhere. Much of the present disagreements probably stem from the strong personality of General MacArthur, impatient of any restraint or advice and increasingly neglectful of the fact that he represents Japan, not his own country alone, but all the Allied powers."

The Melbourne Herald called the whaling incident a "harpoon in diplomacy." The Melbourne Age said, "It might well be asked whether a benign despotism is to be carried to such lengths as to saturate the Japanese mind with the notion that for all plans and projects they must rely exclusively on Supreme Headquarters directives, and can treat with contempt all other parties to the alliance."

"General MacArthur's actions," the Sydney Telegraph said, "no less than the words of his spokesman, George Atcheson, make it clear that Washington regards Japan as an American colony, where nations associated in the defeat of Japanese aggression have no voice."

Referring to the Japanese as "near neighbours" in discussing the Palau mining concession, the Sydney Sun summarized Australian belief thus: "The Japanese have not been regenerated, in any moral sense, in two years of their country's occupation. They may bow and smile subserviently, and lip their love of peace and goodwill, but they do these things with treachery, cruelty and dreams of revenge in their hearts."—United Press.

Paris, July 5. It was officially announced here that the United States Government had on July 1 approved the agreement between the French Government and the Inter-Government Committee on Refugees, under which France was to recruit workers among displaced persons in the American occupied zones.—Reuter.

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### Russians Occupy Tacheng

Nanking, July 6. A high source close to the Foreign Ministry today confirmed the United Press dispatch from Mukden that the Soviets have occupied Tacheng (Russian name Chuchehak) at the centre of the Sino-Russian frontier 220 miles northwest of Tihur.

This source said the Central Government is viewing the occupation seriously and is considering diplomatic action, though unwilling at present to come into the open.

The Government is also considering a second protest to Outer Mongolia contradicting the Mongolian claim to Peltashan.—United Press.

A burglar entered 5 Peace Avenue between 2 and 5 a.m. yesterday and stole personal property (including a "knight" radio and a gold-filled bracelet valued at \$300) to the total value of \$1,452.00.

### Viet Nameese Sound A Warning

Saigon, July 5. Viet Nameese resistance must grow more intense because the French Government appears determined to rule Indo-China as in pre-war days, said a prominent Viet Nameese resistance leader.

This remark typifies the general reaction to the statements by the French Colonial Minister, M. Marius Moutet, and the French High Commissioner, M. Emil Bollaert, on the Indo-Chinese situation as given in the official French communiqué from Paris yesterday.

Viet Nameese circles expressed "surprise" that the French authorities should regard the political situation in Indo-China as being ameliorated and "the truth is contrary."

"The economic situation is equally dreadful and permits no optimism."

M. Bollaert, it is evident, is carrying on the same policy as his predecessor, Admiral Thierry d'Argeville, these sources said, adding, "his declaration that the solution of the problem resides in what represents for the Indo-Chinese 'independence' in the framework of the French Union' is conveniently vague and clever, but not helpful."

"For the Viet Nameese people, independence within the French Union represents nothing more than their right to govern themselves without French control. It means simply replacing Colonial rule by the people's own government which shall enjoy the same status as India, Burma and Indonesia."

Viet Nameese sources stated that without anticipating the official reactions of the Viet Nam Government, they could state the opinion that their leaders never asked the French

### Communist Gains In Shantung

Nanking, July 6. Communist forces under Gen. Liu Po-cheng are expanding their bridgeheads across the Yellow River in Shantung Province.

Nationalist despatches concede the loss to the attacking Reds of Chuancheng, 115 miles southwest of Tientsin, the provincial capital.

The Communists are reported to be assaulting Yuncheng, 15 miles southwest of Tientsin.

They took Chuancheng and brought Yuncheng under attack after driving into the Government-held regions from the rear. It is believed the attacks are directed against the southernmost end of the National 12th Army Defence area.

Meanwhile, another Government column, moving southward along the Peiping-Hankow railroad has completed the occupation of Kucheng, 65 miles south of Peiping, while another Nationalist force, working northwards from Paoing has occupied Tanoso, seven miles north of Paoing.

In the Tientsin region, the Government forces were less successful. Reports say they surrendered Tangkwantun, 30 miles south of Tientsin, "in order to shorten the defence perimeter around Tientsin."—Associated Press.

To-morrow will be the date of the next Rotary Club meeting to be held at the Gloucester Hotel at 12.30 p.m. Rotarian D. S. Hill will speak on "Aerodrome Construction in War Time."

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## NEW PARTNERS

There is certainly room in the existing design of colonial development for the new Corporation announced by the British Government. The welcome accorded to Mr. Creech Jones' statement will be all the warmer because both its tone and substance preserve the non-party spirit which has consistently governed Colonial policy. A beginning in this form of assistance was made by the grant of £1,000,000 a year in 1920. By successive steps this commitment was raised to £5,500,000 a year for 10 years by an Act of 1929 and to £12,000,000 a year for 10 years by an Act of 1945. It is worth noting that the former Act was passed when the war looked like being lost and the latter some time before it was won. There was indeed a "Dunkirk spirit" in those days.

The present addition to the resources available for colonial development is also the continuation of all parties and not the bright idea of one. It was announced by Mr. Harold Macmillan when Under-Secretary for the Colonies in 1942, and by Col. Oliver Stanley when Colonial Secretary in 1945. It was advocated in the recent Conservative "Industrial Charter." The new Corporation is designed to shoulder such burdens as individual pioneers could not themselves bear in the initial stages of big new enterprises, and which consist in finding not merely money but skilled direction and labour. It is the absence of the latter—owing to the absorption of manpower and materials by the war and its aftermath—which has so far prevented much more being done. The demands of pioneering work are far greater than is commonly supposed. The scheme for the cultivation of groundnuts in East Africa recently announced by the Minister of Food (which will be financed and run independently of the new Corporation) is estimated to require 1,200 Europeans and 50,000 Africans. It is obvious that labour forces of this size are not waiting round every corner.

Nevertheless, the Act of 1945 has not been a dead letter. The Colonial Office has actually approved schemes under it covering the period up to 1957 and costing £154,000,000. About two-thirds of this expenditure will come from the resources of the Colonies themselves—resources which piled up during the war and can now rightly be expended for the good of their owners—or from loans raised by the Colonies on their own credit. But the contribution from the Mother Country is more than enough to dispel any lingering traces of the foul insinuation that Britain exploits the Colonies for her benefit. The stream of finance is all the other way, and most of the trade of the Colonies, both imports and exports, is with other people. No Colonial Power in history has more strictly observed both in the letter and in the spirit the principle of self-help in colonial development. It will be for reciprocal, not unilateral, benefit.

## BEVIN VISIT POSTPONED

London, July 6. Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin has postponed a visit to the British zone of Germany, the Foreign Office said today. Mr. Bevin had hoped to make an inspection tour of the zone in mid-July but it was said that the Marshall plan to aid Europe requires his remaining in London. Mr. Bevin hopes to make the trip in late summer. There was speculation that Mr. Bevin might address the German people.—Associated Press.

Dublin, July 6. With an escort of cavalry, the new Czechoslovakian Minister, Mr. J. J. Ruzicki, today drove to Dublin Castle to present his credentials to Mr. Eamon de Valera.—Reuters.

## Looking For The Ugliest Fish

Half the scientific world is impatiently awaiting results of a South Africa expedition which is expected to comb the Mozambique Channel this season for the ugliest, most valuable and ugliest fish.

This creature was probably the first true fish to ever rock the organic sciences to their evolutionary foundation. It is the rarest fish on record and, as a matter of fact, was supposed to have been dead for 70,000,000 years.

It was found in 1938, quite by accident. For nearly a decade scientists have dreamed of the day when they could catch and study another specimen. They plan to do it this year.

The fish is a species of crossoscyrids, which means it was an aboriginal "lung-fish." It developed lungs, instead of gills, so it could breathe air instead of drawing oxygen it needed from water.

When Nature developed this family of fishes, it took the mightiest step from amoeba to man, for from this creature came the amphibians, which first dared leave the water and slither about on land. From the amphibians came reptiles, and from them developed birds and animals.

The key to the whole process was crossoscyrids, the lung-fish. Paleontologists had traced the line of evolution through that group of fishes. But the last fossil of that type ever found was from the Mesozoic period, which ended 70,000,000 years ago. It was supposed the crossoscyrids became extinct at that time.

On Dec. 22, 1938, fishermen trawling a few miles east of East London, South Africa, pulled up the weirdest fish they had ever seen. It was so ugly only a scientist could appreciate it. They brought it ashore, still alive, and gave it to the local museum where the curator, Miss Courtenay-Latimer, immediately recognized it for a new species.

She had no way to preserve the soft parts of the fish, but she had the local taxidermist mount it, saying as many of the bones as possible and sewing up the scratches where the fishermen's net had damaged it.

He said it was so similar to its ancient fossil ancestors that "I am satisfied it can be included in that family." He said: "It has been noted that certain of these fishes underwent little change from the Devonian (300,000,000 years ago) to the Cretaceous (which preceded the Mesozoic). It is therefore not surprising that this species, which presumably has survived from the Mesozoic, should still retain most of the features which characterize that family."

127 Pounds

He named the fish "Latimeria chalumnae, 'as my tribute' to Miss Latimer, for saving the specimen for science.

Researchers the world over bewailed the loss of the soft parts of the fish, which rotted before Dr. Smith could study them. He consoled them as best he could.

"Since the fish was unquestionably alive when caught," he said, "there is at least the possibility that this zoological tragedy may be ameliorated by the capture of another specimen." He told of another find. "A responsible citizen-angler said five years ago he had found precisely such a fish, only considerably larger, partially decomposed, cast up by the waves on a lonely shore east of East London. When he returned with assistance the monster had vanished with the risen tide."

The fish which the museum received was four feet eleven inches long and weighed 127 pounds. Fortunately, by the time Prof. Smith puffed breathlessly into the museum, 10 days after the find, some of the bones were still available.

## Cartilaginous

The skull was almost intact. Most of the backbone of the creature was intact. The bones were cartilaginous. Fish of the sea were only beginning to develop good solid bone to replace the cartilage which had framed them until then. The shark, most primitive of fish, still has a structural basis of cartilage.

The South American Council for Scientific and Industrial Research has appointed a committee to plan organization of a marine expedition "on considerable scale." The expedition would rake the African coast of the Indian Ocean and the Mozambique Channel for more crossoscyrid fish which, scientifically, are closely related to the genus macropoma agassizii, of the family coelacanthidae, of the order actinopteri.—United Press.

## Police Drive On Secret Society

Paris, July 5. The Paris police are closing on a "secret Moslem organisation for repatriating, from Europe, leaders of the Arab independence movements", according to the newspaper "L'Intransigeant" tonight.

Prominent Moslem Nationalists were secretly transferred to the headquarters of the organisation in Brussels, and from there to Cairo, possibly with the help of the Egyptian consul in Brussels, the paper alleged.

It added that a great many North Africans were going home as a result of intensive Nationalist propaganda carried out by several hundred Arab agents. One of these allegedly declared at a meeting of North Africans: "In two months time, there will be no more Frenchmen in North Africa."—Reuter.

## BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay

"The Authority on Authorities"

## BID CRAZY, PLAY SWEET

"Good field, no hit" was the immortal telegram report on a young ball player by the picture magazine. Lefty Gomez, who scouted the underbrush for the Yankees some years ago. But he could be well paraphrased, or some of the things that occur at the bridge table. The bridge version might be "Good bid, no play" or "Bid crazy, play sweet."

Either of those combinations can produce some of the crazier things that happen at a table.

S Q 10 9 7 4 3  
H A 9 8 7 6 5  
D A 2  
C A 10 4

8 None HKQJ10 S862  
25432 H6 DQ10643  
DK7 CQ883  
CK6

SAK15  
H7  
DJ985  
CJ752

(Dealer: West. Neither side vulnerable.)  
West North East South  
AH Pass Pass Pass 4B  
5S Dbl Pass 4B  
6S Dbl Pass 4B

based on his assumption that the shortage of spades indicated by West's high heart call made it safe like North to lead spades and pretty fair high strength. East's first double, of 5-Spades, was censurable, but nothing like as much as North's subsequent bid of 6-Spades—explained by him as due to later thought that he should have bid six instead of five on his previous turn. South's redouble was one of those crazy things done in a temper to register disapproval.

The lone kibitzer saw the chance of South losing a trick in diamonds and two in clubs until South went to work. The heart K lead was won by the A, the spade A, K and Q scored, the heart 9 ruffed by the spade J and the club 2 led to the 10. East won with the Q and made the fatal error of returning the 9. Now the sun dawned for South, a good hand. Counting West, as having only the K left, he played the 6 and captured the K with the A. This established a winning finesse of the club 7 against the 8, and the J then furnished a discard of the diamond 2. The last tricks of course went to the diamond A and three spades for a terrific score in an apparently impossible contract.

If your opening suit bid is passed by the next two players and doubled by the third, what would a redouble by you mean to your partner? If you would mean "a distress signal begging a rescue," but that, he may not now would you try to protect yourself?

## CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"It's a bicycle rack, J. C.—with all this talk about a possible recession, I figure it won't hurt to start paying a little attention to the customer!"

## British Theatre Boom

London, June 28. When the American showman Billy Rose visited London last season he noted the long queue in front of even flop shows and remarked that the formula for success in the West End seemed to be simply "find a theatre and open the doors." Too many producers have been taking his advice. This is the second year of the biggest boom in British theatrical history but outside of the inflated grosses at the box office there is little that producers can look back upon with pride.

The producers have studied their newly won public well. The war with its higher incomes brought to the theatres many who had never seen the living stage before—and the public's ability to discriminate plummeted correspondingly. The first step was to feed these theatregoers the sure-fire revivals such as "The Merry Widow" and "Lilac Domino." This plague of revivals still continues. Recently turning to the books of two native musicals for possible production, Jack Waller has acquired "He Saw Virginia," a light opera by Fred Thompson about the barter of brides for tobacco in Colonial America.

## Bright Spots

Then came a flood of so-so musicals, moderately amusing comedies and somewhat stodgy dramas few of which were any different—outside of costuming—than hundreds of profitable predecessors. But it became increasingly hard to drive the public away from a bad show and one can hardly blame producers for complacency when a mammoth musical brutally mangled by every critic in town plays to packed houses week after week.

There are a few bright spots in the dark panorama, however, some of the plays and some individual performances. There are one or two promising events in the war and middle distances which may restore some of London's traditional leadership in the theatre. And there are always the courageous small theatres on the fringe of the West End which have broken ground on some of the season's few provocative plays for the more cautious magnates who control the big houses.

## Musical Shows Popular

Revolutions are either deplorable or desirable depending on the play and players and always remembering that with limited theatrical space every old play

that comes to town again means a new one must keep touring the provinces until there is room for it—or disband in despair as some have done.

One natural result of the wider theatregoing audience is the popularity of the musical and probably there has never been a time when so many song and dance affairs were on the boards in London. Most of them are prospering nightly at this writing.

That is a galleryite's view of the theatre today. What's to come? The Duke of York's, one of the more desirable theatres, will receive a revival—the 80-year-old melodrama "Caste" by Tom Robertson. Firth Shepard is in the United States arranging to bring the all-time long run recordholder, "Life With Father" back to England. Bernard Shaw's reports he is studying the books of two native musicals for possible production. Jack Waller has acquired "He Saw Virginia," a light opera by Fred Thompson about the barter of brides for tobacco in Colonial America.

## Irish Play

The Embassy and another small theatre the Arts, are practically alone in trying to raise the present London standard. The Embassy will give the first English production of "The White Steed" by the brilliant Irish author, Paul Vincent Carroll. The Arts will produce in full George Bernard Shaw's monumental "Metabolism" pentateuch—"Back To Methuselah" which will run over four nights.—United Press.

## New British G.O.C.

Rome, July 6. Allied Forces headquarters announced the departure from Italy of Lieutenant General Sir John Harding, to become G.O.C., Southern Command in England. Harding is being succeeded by Major General Terence Airey as Commander of British Central Mediterranean Forces. Airey also is to command British forces in the Trieste free territory after ratification of the peace treaty by Italy. Succeeding Airey as Chief of Staff AFHQ is Major General Lawrence C. Jaynes, United States Army.—Associated Press.

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## A Line Or Two From Sydney

Sydney, June 26.

The Dragon Festival Ball at the Trocadero attracted 1,800 dancers and established a record attendance for winter dancing. Mr. P. Yan, secretary of the Young Chinese Relief Movement, said that the organisation hoped to make A\$1,000 from the Ball to add to A\$1,000 already in hand for Madame Chiang Kai-shek's war orphans.

A Halifax bomber which made over 50 bombing raids over Germany and which was flown out here by a young Englishman and his wife has been sold to an Australian combine, who have christened it the "Flying Kennel" as their first job was to take 80 dogs to Singapore. The importer is Mr. H. de Souza and the cost is A\$50 per dog. All arrived in good condition though the crew had some excitement when an Albatross broke loose on the trip and attacked them. On her return here the bomber will take a load of dogs to Hong Kong.

Andrea, better known to Hong Kong folk as Mrs. Gordon Jenner, is now in America trailing Australian war-brides for the "Sydney Sun".

When the liner Asturias arrived in Sydney she carried signs over her side calling her "AIF" and Merchant Navy prison ship and "Ex-SS Belsen". These had been placed there by merchant navy men and soldiers of the A.I.F. who said that the food was bad and the ship dirty, while the Servicemen were not wanted.

Melbourne Lord Mayor Connolly has suggested that Australian cities should introduce "round-the-clock" shopping so as to allow workers to patronise shops in their leisure hours instead of having to use precious moments during their meal hours. Sydney is not in favour of this suggestion, the general opinion being that prices would be raised at least 20 per cent. to meet the extra workers required to run day and night shifts.... An ex-Naval man and his young bride spent the night on the rocks at Bondi Beach for want of a roof over their heads. Both had severe colds the following day and the man looked really ill. The experience, however, brought them countless offers of a home and employment.... Following a State Full Court decision that National Security Regulations do not compel landlords to give preference to Servicemen, ex-Servicemen, or their dependants when changing the tenancy of a house or flat has brought a storm of protest from Servicemen's associations.... Criticising conditions in Australia's two main cities, the Lord Mayor of Melbourne said that Melbourne was more like a village of 100 years ago than a city, while the president of the Sydney Organising Committee said that lack of amenities and many restrictions had turned Sydney into an "overgrown goliath". The owner of a Perth taxi company plans to introduce a helicopter taxi service in Australia.... Mr. R. G. Casey is being spoken of as the successor to Mr. T. Malcolm Ritchie as the next Federal President of the Liberal Party. The latter is retiring due to pressure of private business.... Jitterbugging has at last been acknowledged as a dance and as an Australian invention, and is to be known all over the world as "Australian Rhythm". Bricks are likely to cost A\$6 per 1,000 from the kiln within the next six months. Present price is 25/3 per 1,000.... Following Field-Marshal Lord Montgomery's broadcast in which he said he hoped to be able to get some timber in Australia for the building of his new home in (Continued on Page 7)







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# ANGLO-EGYPT AGREEMENT

## Mixed Reaction In Cairo Press

### The Sterling Balances

Cairo, July 5.  
The Anglo-Egyptian interim sterling agreement, signed last Monday, providing a temporary arrangement for dealing with Egyptian Sterling balances, has met with a mixed reception in the Egyptian press, which is unanimous only in considering that some of its terms are "technically incomprehensible."

The "Al Ahram," expressing dissatisfaction with the agreement, said that its terms were obscure and equivocal. "That is why the agreement is worrying us."

"It does not satisfy us of the essential points such as the bulk of the sterling credits held by us, the future of our currency, exports of our products and imports of goods we require."

The Independent "Al Ma-kattan" called on the Egyptian Government to prepare an "organised financial and economic policy" and urged an increase in Egyptian agricultural exports and a reduction in imported luxury goods.

The statement by Mr. Hugh Dalton, Chancellor of the Exchequer, in the House of Commons on Thursday, that "British public opinion does not recognise the moral validity of the debt of some £100,000,000 arising out of the wartime association of Egypt and the British Commonwealth," was the subject of comment today by Mahmoud El Darwish, Bey, Under-Secretary for Finance and a member of the Egyptian delegation which negotiated the interim agreement.

### No Moral Reason

"There exists no moral, juridical or economic reason justifying the scaling down of Egypt's sterling credits," he told a press conference.

Abdul Maguid Sadiq Pasha, Minister of Finance, expressed satisfaction over the provisional agreement at a press conference at Alexandria today.

He added: "The Egyptian Government has asked the British Government that the money now being spent by British troops in Egypt, amounting roughly to £1,000,000 monthly, be paid in sterling instead of in Egyptian currency."

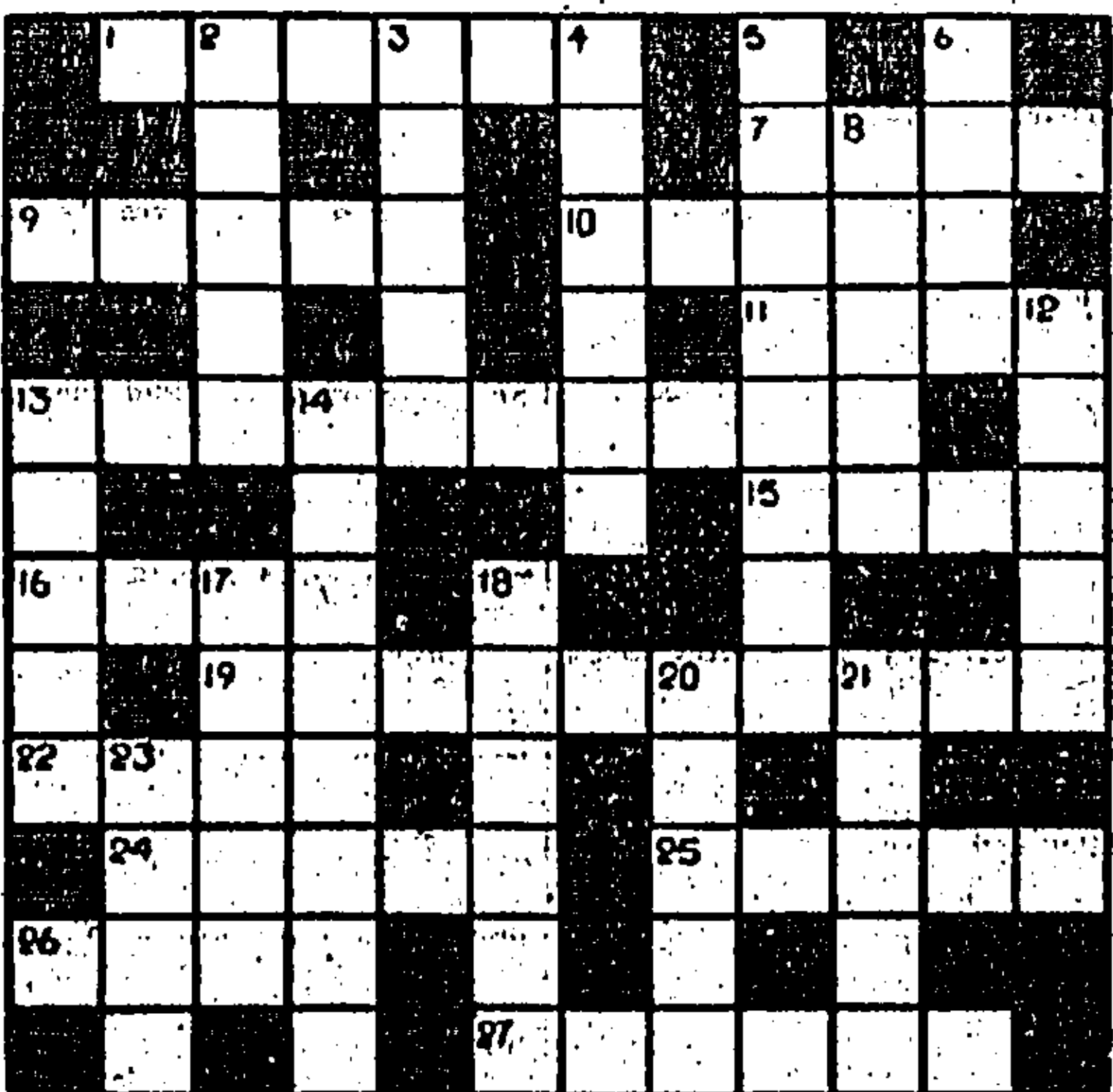
Under the agreement, which covers the period from July 14 to the end of the year, Egyptian sterling balances and assets, very largely owned by Egyptian banks, will, subject to certain agreed releases, be rendered available for current expenditure of any kind or for transfer by the new Treasury order, and their investment and reinvestment will be controlled.

Egypt will officially cease to be a member of the sterling area on the day that the agreement comes into force.—Reuter.

### ARGENTINE GOLD

Buenos Aires, July 5.  
Sovereign buyers: 65.00, sellers: 66.00; U.S. \$20 Eagle 117.00, 119.00; Gold, Bar, Gramme, 5.40; 5.50.—Reuter.

### A BRITISH CROSS WORD PUZZLE



#### Clues Across

1. Teem.
7. Monster.
9. Rubbish.
10. Scene of action.
11. Contended.
12. Limited.
16. Curb.
10. Scorch.
19. Ability.
22. Close.
24. Extreme.
25. Striking.
26. Block.
28. Fare.
27. Swallow up.

#### Clues Down

2. Alloy.
3. Teacher.
4. Contrivance.
5. Opposite.
6. Liberate.
8. Steer.
12. Blackhead.
13. Speed trials.
14. Strangle.
17. Sharp.
18. Scanty.
20. Naval.
21. Unusual.
22. Colours.

#### Saturday's Crossword

Across:—1 Reduce; 4 Night; 7 Ginger; 8 Scant; 10 Set; 12 Praline; 15 Ingle; 16 Nuts; 17 Erno; 19 Angel; 20 Regalia; 21

### THE RUSSIAN WORKER

Washington, July 5.  
A Labour Department publication said the Russian wage earner has had a 25 per cent pay boost but that his rationed foods are up 100 per cent.

The monthly Labour Review, official journal of the Bureau of Labour Statistics, said decreased purchasing power for most Soviet workers is indicated but the extent is not estimated. Declines appeared among wage earners but their proportionate effect is not known.—Associated Press.

### Trade Talks In Geneva

Geneva, July 5.  
It was officially announced today that four pairs of countries have completed the bilateral stage in their negotiations: Chile and Norway, Chile and South Africa, Cuba and South Africa, China and South Africa. Agreements have been completed during the last fortnight.

Earlier, Canada and Norway had completed their negotiations as well as Czechoslovakia and South Africa. Results are subject to any adjustment that may be required in the light of other negotiations, the announcement added.

The total number of negotiations now in progress in Geneva is 96 and the total number of meetings held is 333.—United Press.

### Workers Not Robots

Stockholm, July 5.  
The Labour side was heard from today for the first time at the International Management Congress, now in its third day here.

A Swedish worker, Ove Thorenberg, of Kockum Shipyard, invited to speak before the members, criticised "those great many concerns" who regard the worker as a mere robot, instead of as somebody who should be given a real understanding of his job.

Simultaneously the syndicalist newspaper Arbetaren of Stockholm attacked the Congress, charging as futile the effort to improve management technique to attain a higher standard of living without first consulting the workers.

Meanwhile the Nordic Labour Federations Convention opened here to sit concurrently with the Management Congress. In it are participating Labour leaders from all the Nordic countries, including Finland, and its aim is to study internationalisation questions from the Labour viewpoint.—Reuter.

### PUNJAB RIOTS

New Delhi, July 5.  
Five were killed and 40 injured when police and troops opened fire on a riotous crowd this afternoon at Gujranwala, 50 miles north of Lahore.

Twenty houses were burned down. A 48-hour curfew was imposed on the town where the situation is now under control.—Reuter.

## American Business Review

New York, July 6.  
Financial market continued to press forward during the past short week while the lengthy advance inspired a certain amount of profit selling. It was well absorbed.

The share division on Thursday recorded its seventh successive average upswing. All security exchanges recessed on Friday for the celebration of Independence Day and observed the usual Saturday suspension. Throughout the week stocks were benefited by rising business optimism, hopes for quick settlement of the coal controversy, brightening chances for a tax relief bill and belief that the odds were for a normal summer rally.

The market has moved up in the majority of July's over the past 50 years. Earnings and dividends were helpful.

### Stock Composite

Oil touched peaks for the year or longer in almost every session as growing fuel shortages highlighted this group. Ralls came to the fore on the outlook for favourable reorganisation legislation in addition to prospects of boosted freight and passenger charges. The Associated Press 60 stock composite showed a net gain of two points on the week at 66.1, the best level since March 6.

The market ended June with an average advance of three full points after four successive losing months. Turnover for the month, however, dwindled to 17,482,740 shares, lowest for any month since September, 1944.

### Bond Rally

Rising prices for railroad bonds gave the market one of the best rallies of the year in this week's bond market, responding to a number of favourable news items. Individual carrier issues closed fractions to more than three points above the preceding Friday.

Trading interest as usual centred on the so-called reorganisation group. Top billing among favourable factors was given the request by the nation's carriers for new increases in freight rates. In addition, 36 Southern railroads asked the Interstate Commerce Commission for authority to boost basic passenger fares for Pullman car travel and Eastern roads which recently were allowed a 10 per cent rise in basic passenger fares, asked permission to make the increase amount to at least five cents on every ride.

May operating reports of most rails continued to show steady improvement over last year. Another wartime measure was abandoned in the field of government financing when

### BOMBAY SILVER & GOLD

Bombay, July 5.  
Silver, Ready per 100 tolas 170; Rupee 02 Anna; New Settlement (Unofficial) 169, 04; Forward, per 100 tolas 170, 02; Gold, Delivered, per tola 111, 04; Forward (June 20) 110, 14; Sovereign, Each unquoted.—Reuter.

### ALEXANDRIA BULLION

Alexandria, July 5.  
Gold, per "differon" 144 piastres, Egyptian pound 440, Sovereign 485, Turkish pound 48 cing; 440, Silver (piastres) per Kilogram 840.—Reuter.

### ZURICH FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Zurich, July 5.  
Zurich On London 17.35, New York 430, Paris 3.02, Brussels 0.87, Amsterdam 162.50, Lisbon 16.50, Buenos Aires 104.00, Stockholm 119.02, Madrid 39.75.—Reuter.

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